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1. REGFISHATT DISCUSSED WHALING PROBLEMS WITH RYUZO OYAMA, DEPUTY DIR, HIGH SEAS FISHERIES DIV, JFA, DURING RECENT VISIT PRIOR TO OYAMA REASSIGNMENT TO SHIMIZU RESEARCH LAB. OYAMA INDICATED THAT LAND WHALING OPERATIONS FOR BALEEN WHALES WILL BEGIN APRIL, 1976, AND FOR SPERM WHALES AUGUST 1976. OYAMA SUGGESTED THAT USG PLAN OBSERVER SCHEDULE TO COINCIDE WITH CHANGE IN WHALING SEASONS.

2. RE CURRENT AGREEMENT ON LAND OBSERVERS OYAMA SUGGESTED SOME CHANGES BE MADE TO MAKE IT A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT RATHER THAN NEW AGREEMENT EACH YEAR. IN OYAMA VIEW AGREEMENT HAS PROVEN USEFUL AND NO NEED EXISTS TO SIGN NEW AGREEMENT EVERY YEAR. REGFISHATT AGREED THIS VIEW AND INDICATED THAT ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO CHANGE AGREEMENT ACCORDINGLY.

3. OYAMA DID NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEM IN PLACING US OBSERVER ON WHALE FACTORYSHIP NEXT SEASON BUT REQUESTED EARLY DESIGNATION OF OBSERVER TO FACILITATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH WHALE COMPANIES.

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4. AS FINAL NOTE OYAMA INDICATED THAT HIS REPLACEMENT WILL

NOT BE MARINE MAMMAL BIOLOGIST, THEREFORE, IT WILL BE
NECESSARY TO WORK WITH DIVISION STAFF OR WITH YONEZAWA,
COUNCILLOR.
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